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SUBJ: MININFO APPOINTS PRESS SPOKESMAN

AT FIRST "OFFICIAL" PRESS CONFERENCE THIS MORNING (MONDAY), NEW MINISTER OF INFORMATION, AHADU SABURE, MET WITH FOREIGN PRESS CORPS AND PRESS ATTACHES. PRUPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO ANNOUNCE APPOINTMENT OF PRESS SPOKESMAN, WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OFFICIAL STATEMENTS ISSUED BY MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE. AHADU ALSO DISCUSSED ACCREDITATION AND OTHER MINOR ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES AND PRECEDURES. THERE WERE NO RPT NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION. MAN NAMED TO NEW PRESS SPOKESMAN SLOT IS TEFERI WOSSEN. TEFERI IS IN HIS EARLY THIRTIES (APPROX.) AND WAS ACTING CHIEF OF PUBLIC RELATIONS IN MININFO PRIOR TO DISAPPOINTMENT. BEFORE JOING P.R. DEPT., TEFERI WAS A NEWSCASTER WITH RADIO ETHIOPIA. HE IS ALSO A FORMER GRANTEE WHO PARTICIPATED IN A NINETY-DAY JOURNALISM PROJECT AT SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY THREE YEARS AGO.

TEFERI IS A LONG-TIME USIS CONTACT AND IS ABRIGHT, ENERGETIC YOUNG MAN. HE APPEARS TO BE A GOOD CHOICE FOR WHAT WILL NO DOUBT BE A CHALLENGING AND DEMANDING POSITION.

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